Applying for Prerequisite Equivalency for Stern Courses

Registration in Stern coursework requires satisfaction of course prerequisites. Prerequisites satisfied by Stern coursework are automatically recorded in the Stern system. If you have not satisfied the prerequisites at Stern, but still wish to register the Stern course, you need to submit a Prerequisite Equivalency Application for Stern Courses to the Computer Science Department. Students will only be approved if the Computer Science Department determines that the student has completed the equivalent of the Stern prerequisite. Stern has asked that students refrain from contacting Stern faculty regarding their request to take any courses for which they don’t have the prerequisites. Stern professors do not manage course enrollment. *If the course you wish to take has a Core course as the prerequisite, students may sign up for one of the proficiency exams given by Stern. If you would like to take the exam, please contact your advisor.*

To apply, one must submit a Prerequisite Equivalency Application Form for Stern Courses to either Betty Tsang (CIWW 326) or James Paguyo (CIWW 324). In addition to the Prerequisite Equivalency Application Form for Stern Courses, please select one of the three options below and submit the necessary paperwork for consideration.

1. Equivalent course(s) for the Stern Prerequisite (students must submit all four items below)
   - The course description and syllabus for the Stern prerequisite course.
   - An official transcript that contains the course(s) that you are requesting being considered as equivalent to the Stern prerequisite(s).
   - The course description and syllabus for the course(s) that you wish to be considered as equivalent to the Stern prerequisite.
   - A detailed write up explaining the assignments and the work that was completed for the course(s) you wish to be considered as equivalent to the Stern prerequisite.

2. Equivalent Degree/major
   - An official transcript that shows the degree/major awarded that you are requesting being considered as equivalent to the Stern prerequisite.

3. Proof of verification of either a U.S. CPA license, a passing grade on the U.S. CPA exam or a chartered accounting certification.

Students need to submit the Prerequisite Equivalency Application Form for Stern Courses and the supplemental materials for every Stern course that they wish to take for which they do not meet the prerequisites. Please note that getting approved for the prerequisite equivalency does not guarantee that there will be an available seat in the desired course.

Once a decision is made on an application, the student will be notified via e-mail. Decisions typically take three to five business days.